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modest expedition from the Lick Observatory may be dispatched to observe the eclipse phenomena. The *portable* equipment now available at Mount Hamilton is meager in quantity and power.

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POSTSCRIPT

A cablegram from Vladivostock, received from Mr. Freeman's office on March 22nd, brought the information that the business boycott at Vladivostock has finally been raised, and that the Lick Observatory and Amherst Observatory eclipse instruments would be shipped from Vladivostock in the week of March 24th to 31st by Russian government steamer to Kobe, Japan. It is unnecessary to say that steamship lines connecting Kobe with American ports have instructions to secure and transport the instruments at the earliest possible moment. The censor's regulations concerning times and ports of arrival may withhold these items of information until after the shipment is in this country. If it arrives in time for use at the eclipse of June 8 we can scarcely hope for better than hasty eleventh-hour adaptation, mounting and testing of a part of the equipment, but we shall be prepared to do everything possible under the circumstances.

Regent William H. Crocker, good citizen of California and the nation, has most generously offered to defray the expenses of an expedition from the Lick Observatory, University of California, to observe the eclipse on whatever scale may be consistent with the instrumental equipment available. Professor Leuschner, Director of the Students' Observatory of the University of California, has thoughtfully and kindly offered the use of any equipment of the Students' Observatory suitable for eclipse observation. This offer will be accepted as to several important items of equipment. Continuing uncertainty as to the extent of the expedition leaves the question of personnel largely undetermined.

It has been definitely decided to locate the observing station at or near the village of Goldendale, Washington, about ninety miles east-north-east of Portland, Oregon, and some ten miles north of the Columbia River. The altitude of the floor of the valley in which Goldendale lies is about 1,600 feet, and the nature of the soil is said to be such that sand storms are not troublesome. Goldendale is very close to the central line of totality, and the

weather conditions, judging from the records of many past years, are probably not excelled at any other point along the entire eclipse path. A controlling feature in selecting Goldendale is that it is the point on the central line of totality lying east of the Cascade Mountains most accessible for quick shipment of the returning Russian apparatus from one of our Pacific ports.

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THE BERKELEY ASTRONOMICAL DEPARTMENT

By arrangement with Director W. W. Campbell of the Lick Observatory, Astronomers W. H. Wright and H. D. Curtis have been secured to conduct some of the more important courses in astronomy at Berkeley during the current half-year. Every member of the Berkeley Astronomical Department has entered military or other government service. Professor A. O. Leuschner, Director of the Students' Observatory, is the only one remaining at Berkeley, where he is devoting himself to work connected with national defense, particularly as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Research of the State Council of Defense, and as Chairman of the Committee on Occupational Selection of the Pacific Coast Research Conference which operates under the State Council of Defense.

Professor R. T. Crawford has been appointed temporary Major in the Signal Corps United States Army, and left in February for Fort Omaha, where he has taken charge as Senior Instructor of the Air Balloon School.

Dr. Sturla Einarsson and Dr. F. J. Neubauer have been in service with the United States Shipping Board since August, 1917, as Instructors in Navigation and Nautical Astronomy, the former being in charge of the Shipping Board's Navigation School at San Francisco, and the latter at Los Angeles.

Dr. Dinsmore Alter and Mr. Wallace Campbell graduated in August, 1917, from the First Officers' Training Camp at the Presidio with commissions as Second Lieutenant Campbell, who held the position as teaching fellow, is now in service "somewhere in France," while Dr. Alter is located at Fort Winfield Scott in charge of a Government Artillery School. He has been promoted twice and is now Captain in the Coast Artillery of the national army.

Mr. H. M. Jeffers, who was appointed a fellow in the Lick